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1. AUSTRIAN SOCIALIST PARTY (SPO) CENTRAL SECRETARY MARSCH, WHO WAS MEMBER OF SPO DELEGATION WHICH VISITED EGYPT NOV. 8-23, SUMMARIZED VISIT AS HAVING BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN: (1) ESTABLISHING WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SPO AND ARAB SOCIALIST UNION (ASU) AND (2) WORKING OUT ARRANGEMENT WITH ASU, AFTER EARLIER VISIT BY MARSCH TO ISRAEL FOR TALKS WITH ISRAELI SOCIALISTS, FOR ASU PARTICIPATION IN SOME ACTIVITIES OF SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL (SI). LATTER DEVELOPMENT WILL TAKE FORM OF ASU PRESENCE AT MEETING IN JANUARY (EXACT DATE AND PLACE NOT YET FIXED) OF SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR MIDDLE EAST AT WHICH ISRAELI SOCIALISTS, WHO ARE MEMBERS, WILL ALSO BE PRESENT.

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2. MARSCH SAID SPO DELEGATION CAME AWAY FROM CAIRO VISIT

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WITH STRONG IMPRESSION THAT ASU HOSTS, INCLUDING ASU
PARTY FIRST SECRETARY GAHMAN, TOOK REASONABLY MODERATE
STANCE ON MIDDLE EAST PROBLEMS AND WERE DESIROUS
OF MOVING FAIRLY QUICKLY TOWARD ALSO ESTABLISHING
CONTACTS WITH INDIVIDUAL EUROPEAN SOCIALIST PARTIES.
IN LATTER CONNECTION, SPO FEELS IT CAN CONTINUE TO DO
YEOMAN SERVICE ON BEHALF OF EUROPEAN SOCIALISTS
AND, ACCORDING TO MARSCH, SPO WILL BEGIN TO DISPATCH
SPO STUDY DELEGATIONS DEALING WITH TRADE UNION, WOMEN,
AND YOUTH AFFIARS TO CAIRO BEGINNING EARLY NEXT YEAR.

3. MARSCH INDICATED THAT VISIT OF SPO GROUP WAS NOT
SUBSTITUTE FOR SECOND FACT-FINDING SI MISSION TO MIDDLE
EAST WHICH IS STILL TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY
OR FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR.HUMES

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